



MDPA news

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Meeting Notice

Date: October 15, 2010
Place: MDPA Clubhouse
Dinner: 6:30 PM
Program: 7:00 PM
Board Meeting: October 6, 2010

October 2010 Presidents Message **Steve Kennedy**

As I write this, fall is in the air. (NOT!) Actually, it's about 95 degrees today and forecast to be hotter tomorrow. What a strange year for weather it's been. At least it's been good flying weather. The September chili dinner was sparsely attended because a lot of members were at the Reno Air Races. It was

great weather for the racing. I'm sure everyone had a great time.

It's been a few weeks since the tragedy in San Bruno. That event reminded me again about the fragility of life, and the unpredictability of some events. As we all know, most accidents are not as unpredictable. We've all heard about the chain of events leading up to an accident. As pilots, we probably know more about the anatomy of an accident than most people do. Many people don't understand that most accidents are not caused by one event, but a chain of events that lead up to it. If any of those events in the chain are broken, then the accident is prevented. I know these are things we as pilots have read and studied about, but sometimes we tend to forget them. Sometimes it takes a tragedy to remind us what is important.

So, if it's October, that means we have an election of officers at this month's meeting. At the September meeting we asked for nominations from the floor. Guess what? Nobody volunteered and there were no nominations from the floor. It was at that point that I read the nominations that were developed by the nominating committee. They are:

President -	Maureen Bell
VP Activities -	Bob Weiss
VP Programs -	Felix Boston
VP Communications -	Elaine Yeary
Facilities Director -	Stewart Bowers
Secretary -	John Levy
Treasurer -	Bev Levy
Member-at-Large -	Scott Acheilles

Not Voted Position:

Past-President (most recent & available) - Steve Kennedy

Other Assignments:

Coordinator - Saturday Breakfasts -	Steve Kennedy/John Summers
Coordinator - Dinner Meetings -	Bob Torrey
Coordinator - Safety Clinic Moderators -	John Potter

At the October meeting, we'll ask if there are any additional nominations. We'll then vote. So, if you think you may be interested, or know someone who would be interested, please be sure to attend the October dinner meeting to place that name into nomination.

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We have a busy fall/winter season coming up. In November we're going to do a group Mexican dinner, in December we'll have our Christmas party, and in January we'll have our crab feed/tri tip installation dinner. So there is a lot to look forward to as we move into autumn.

Also, it's not too late to sign up some of your friends as new members. They can pay the one-half year dues of \$49. Remember: "Bring a Friend/Sign a Friend". We have application forms available at all the dinners.

See you at the October dinner.

Respectfully,

Steve

2010 Dinner Schedule

October - The Best Dinner Ever -
Your MDPA Board

November - Mexican Dinner -
Group Effort - (*Volunteers Needed*)

December - Christmas Party - MDPA Main
Course, Potluck Side and the
infamous MDPA Gift Exchange

2010 Proposed Trips

October: Trip to Sun River Oregon. Weekend
for hiking and golf

MDPA Mission Statement

The Mount Diablo Pilots' Association is a non-profit organization based at Buchanan field in Concord, California (KCCR). There are many benefits to joining the club. The purposes of the Mount Diablo Pilots' Association are:

To promote good public relations between general aviation enthusiasts and the local community.

To encourage participation in fly-ins and other aviation activities.

To promote safety and educational activities for pilots.

To provide mutual resources of information on flying for members.

To furnish information and support to the Contra Costa Airport Advisory Committee and other governmental agencies concerned with aviation.

To be a proxy on aviation matters of community concern for its membership.



The Chili



Speaker Jesse Williams



Presentation





SOARING LIKE EAGLES



DAN ROSENSTRAUCH/STAFF



During the rally, pilot Pat Peters starts his takeoff, above, from Buchanan Field with Kyle Hedrick, 13, back, and Kylee McDonald, 12, front, in Peters' Piper Cherokee. Approximately 50 youngsters had the opportunity to ride along in one of five planes on flights of 20-45 minutes, and like Kylee, left photo, receive a certificate for going on their first flight. EAA chapter 393 holds Young Eagles rallies periodically throughout the year.



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